

Corktown/Don Yard CLC - Meeting #19 MINUTES

May 22, 2025

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm (Teams Meeting)

Attendees:

BIAs/Community Groups/Non-Profit Organizations/Residents

- Cory Lemos (CRBA)
- Candace McCool
- Ole Calderone (CRBA)
- Cindy
- Barbara C
- David B
- Maureen Larkin
- Steward Linton
- Neil Betteridge

City of Toronto

- Louie Lenti
- Katiana Moussa

Metrolinx

- Ross Anderson
- Jason Hall
- Matt Simon
- Alexandra Grgas-Sorge
- Amanda Kusick
- Daniel Cicero
- Kelvin Lee
- Daniel Kielly

OTG

- David Ou
- Bella Santos

KO Constructors / LURA

- Hasnaa Maher
- Jeff Harbach
- Scott Brazeau

OVERVIEW:

On Thursday, May 22nd, 2025, **Metrolinx (MX)** hosted a Corktown & Don Yard CLC meeting in partnership with **Ontario Transit Group (OTG)** and **KO Constructors (KO)**. **Metrolinx** welcomed attendees and opened the meeting with a land acknowledgment and shared the session guidelines and safety moment.

Metrolinx reviewed outstanding action items from the previous CLC meeting. This included an update on the station naming process and a future update on the community art program.

OTG then led the construction presentation, beginning with a summary of work at the Corktown North and South Shaft sites.

The north shaft excavation in the northeast area has reached its final depth (approximately 28 metres), marking the Corktown site as the first Ontario Line station to reach this milestone. Current activities include rock bolt drilling, mesh installation, and wall construction along Front Street. Tower crane foundation work and arch beam construction are ongoing, with the first tower crane installation expected in July.

At the south shaft, excavation is progressing and has reached a depth of approximately 21 metres. Ongoing activities include arch beam work, bracing, and shaft excavation. Tower crane foundation work is expected to begin in late May or early June, with the first crane installation targeted for mid-June. Cavern excavation is expected to begin in summer 2025 and continue into the winter.

The construction team also presented the eight-week and 2025 seasonal construction look-ahead schedules. Work will continue with excavation, arch beam installation, and support infrastructure through the summer and fall, leading into cavern mining beneath Front Street East. This tunnelling work will eventually connect the north and south shafts and will require a 24-hour operation cycle due to the nature of the excavation and support work involved.

OTG continued the update with recent noise and vibration monitoring - reporting no exceedances at Corktown Station for the month of April. Real-time monitoring continues via six sensors placed throughout the area.

KO Constructors presented a three-month and overall 2025 construction look-ahead schedule update for Don Yard, including the upcoming overnight Don Valley Parkway lane closures. The presentation focused on ongoing work, including piling work, excavation and dirt hauling, tieback drilling, and in-water temporary bridge structure. **Metrolinx** then presented a noise and vibration update from April 2025.

QUESTIONS:

- **Attendee:** What is the timeline for the station naming decision, and will the community be informed of how input was considered?
 - **Metrolinx:** The station naming program has closed, and all feedback is being reviewed by an internal committee. Final names will be announced by the end of the year. Feedback regarding transparency and the decision-making process has been noted and will be shared with the relevant teams.

- **Attendee:** Will the station be named “First Parliament” in recognition of the historical site?
 - **Metrolinx:** Several attendees expressed support for the name “First Parliament.” While we cannot confirm final decisions at this stage, this input has been captured and shared with the naming committee.
- **Attendee:** Will construction noise be reduced during local community events, such as movie nights in the park?
 - **OTG:** The construction team will make efforts to coordinate work schedules around key community events where possible to minimize disruption.
- **Attendee:** Regarding the responses to exceedances—some are repeated. Are the noise blankets and walls proving to be effective mitigations?
 - Metrolinx: Yes, there are staff on-site constantly measuring noise levels. Crews ensure that noise stays within acceptable limits. In one instance, an activity caused an exceedance despite mitigation, so the team rescheduled it to take place during the day.
 - KO: The team also has an on-site supervisor with a handheld noise monitor who actively checks levels. In addition, there are stationary monitors. The handheld device often catches issues before the stationary monitor does.
- **MPP Glover’s Office:** There have been intermittent issues between 6 PM and 3 AM with scraping near Mill Street. Why does this work need to happen during those hours?
 - KO: The milling process, which uses the mechanical arm of the excavator, creates a flat surface for drilling tiebacks. This generates localized dust and flying debris, making it unsafe for workers to be nearby. For their safety, this work is scheduled at night. However, when possible, we try to shift this work to the morning and separate crews accordingly.
- **Attendee:** Regarding the upcoming [movie nights at Corktown Common](#) (same as the past two summers: every Thursday night in July and the first week of August)—please minimize work at the portal during those times.
 - KO: The team will adjust the schedule accordingly.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Metrolinx** to provide updates on the community artwork program as they become available.
- **Metrolinx** to provide updates on the station naming progress as they become available.